

EASTER AT HOME KITS

Easter egg hunts are such fun, and this year we are offering you the chance to have an Easter egg hunt at home! Starting today, you may pick up an “Easter at Home” kit in the Chapel, Prayer Room, or Narthex. You can grab these for your children, or grandchildren, or even take one and drop it off at a neighbor’s house. Each bag will include 30 candy filled eggs, 12 empty eggs, and a home guide for how to create your own Resurrection Eggs. You and your family can experience the Easter story using items from your home, and backyard, that the guide will direct you on. We encourage you to take pictures of your family participating and share them on the Mount Zion Facebook page.

WALK TO THE CROSS • 4/1 & 4/2 • 4-8 PM

Walk to the Cross is a way to remember Jesus’ sacrifice for us. It will be an outdoor, self-paced, meditative, walk-through experience of seven events in Jesus’ life, beginning with his last supper and concluding with his burial. Just park in the main church parking lot. The journey begins under the portico outside the sanctuary, where printed instructions with a map directing you to the other stations will be available. A corresponding audio narration, with selected music, will also be available on the church website for you to access on a smartphone. You may take as long as you wish at each station to think and pray.

EASTER SUNDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

6:30 Sunrise • Outside/Livestream (Youth Led)
8:15 Traditional • Chapel
9:30 Contemporary • Sanctuary
11:00 Blended • Sanctuary/Livestream
12:30 Korean • Online

WELCOME

CALLING PEOPLE HIGHER

FIRST TIME HERE?

We are delighted that you are here today. To help you overcome some of the uncertainty and confusion that comes with visiting a new place, you can find information for our first-time guests at the Welcome Center in the lobby of each worship area.

RESOURCES

CONNECT
GIVE
REGISTER



*It's easy through our website
and the churchlife app.*

Give Online

<https://www.mountzion-umc.org/online-giving>

Prayer Requests

<https://www.mountzion-umc.org/prayer-ministry>



March 7, 2021 – 11:00
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Indicates when the congregation is asked to stand, if able*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WORSHIP IN SONG

“Jesus Messiah”

*OPENING PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Dying with Jesus”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION/OFFERING

“Redeemed” Les Brown

INTERCESSORY/UNISON PRAYER

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*WORSHIP IN SONG

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus ” UMH 297

SERMON *Suffers Rejection, Pain, and Degradation*

*WORSHIP IN SONG

“What Wondrous Love Is This” UMH 292

BLESSING

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Infant Nursery & Toddler at 9:30 & 11:00 Rooms 101 & 102; Pre-school - Kindergarten at 9:30 Room 205; 1st-3rd grade at 9:30 Room 203; 4th-5th grade at 9:30 Room 202; Middle School & High School at 9:30 Room 201. If your child is feeling ill, or running a fever, we ask that they not attend Sunday School.

SERMON SERIES ● A MAN ON A CROSS

Crucifixion became the symbol of dominance of the Roman Empire for centuries. In some ways, Jesus’ death on a cross was not unlike thousands of others who suffered the wrath of Rome. On the other hand, Jesus’ crucifixion stands out as unique, because he is unlike anyone who has ever lived or died. Jesus’ earthly life is one of surrender and sacrifice that culminates with his sufferings and death on the cross. To look at Jesus’ sacrificial death, is to see a summary of his sacrificial life. In this series of messages, we will look at Jesus’ life through the lens of his death and see how it challenges and changes our own living and dying. Next Week: *Appears to Be at the Mercy of Everyone Else.*

CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP DAY ● 3/13 • 8:30-12 PM

Yard Team invites you to come out and join us from 8:30 - 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 13th, for church yard clean-up. Volunteers are asked to please bring supplies such as shovels, pruning shears, rakes, work gloves, and wheelbarrows.

MOWING & TRIMMING: Yard Team is currently looking for more volunteers to help with the weekly yard care of the church property. The church provides the equipment, and there are volunteers that are experienced, that can train new volunteers on the equipment. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Randy Earley at: earleys4@hotmail.com.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY ● MARCH 14th

If you have attended the Discovering Mount Zion Class and are ready to become a member, please turn in all paperwork to the Church Office by: Wednesday, March 10th.

A Man on a Cross Suffers Rejection, Pain, and Degradation

The details we find in the gospels intensify Jesus' brutalization.

Then they began to spit in Jesus' face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him, jeering, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who hit you that time?"—Matthew 26:67-68 (NLT)

Then Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus. Finally, they put a royal robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.—Luke 23:11 (NLT)

They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it.—Matthew 27:29-30 (NLT)

And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."—John 19:19 (NLT)

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"—Matthew 27:46 (NLT)

Looking back from the cross, we see that humiliation and rejection are regular themes of Jesus' life.

Then they scoffed, "He's just the carpenter's son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers...." And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.—Matthew 13:55-57 (NLT)

"You can't become famous if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, show yourself to the world!" For even his brothers didn't believe in him.—John 7:4-5 (NLT)

"For I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me."—John 5:43 (NLT)

"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.—John 1:10-11 (NLT)

What can I learn from Jesus' humiliation and rejection?

1. God _____ from _____ the depths of human suffering.

He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. ...He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.—Isaiah 53:3-5 (NLT)

2. Jesus demonstrates that _____ is central to God's nature; therefore, essential for Christlikeness.

Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.—John 13:3-5 (NLT)

...All of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."—1 Peter 5:5 (NLT)

3. Jesus is not only the example of perseverance; his life within _____ believers to persevere.

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus.... Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. ...Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.—Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT)

That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.—2 Timothy 1:12 (NLT)